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1. European Search Report
2. Republic of France, publication no. 2 736 884 published on January 24, 1997
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,990,322 issued date November 9, 1976
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,127,042, issued date November 28, 1978
5. Great Britian, publication no. 1 237 205, published on June 30, 1971
6. European Patent Office Abstract of Japanese Patent publication no. 02020460, publication date January 24, 1990

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